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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. claims: 1-18

Compositions comprising sodium chloride coated with an agent that forms a liquid impermeable but gas permeable layer; patches thereof; use thereof for the manufacture of a medicament for treating certain diseases

2. claims: 19-25

A device consisting of a holder adapted for holding a medically efficacious compound, an energy source and actuator driven by the energy source

3. claims: 26-39

A preparation comprising a medically efficacious substance coated or otherwise enclosed by an agent that forms a liquid impermeable but gas permeable layer for use as a medicament

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